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ABSTRACT AND BIOGRAPHY

Recognizing Innovative Technical Contributors

Alexander Graham Bell's quotation, "An inventor is someone who looks upon the world and is not content with things as they are. An inventor works to improve what he see to benefit the world." captures the NASA Program/Project community's unique characteristics of creativity and technical excellence, with the Invention and Contribution Board (ICB) mission of identifying, encouraging and recognizing new technology contributors. The Space Act of 1958 created the ICB to encourage and cultivate the development of technologies for the nation's aeronautics and space community.

The ICB presentation will introduce or refresh the program/project community's knowledge on the program's benefits, eligibility, process, and recognition levels.

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Mr. Maturo is the Director of Inventions and Contribution Board at NASA Headquarters. He facilitates NASA compliance with the Space Act of 1958 by cooperating with the global community while preserving the preeminent position of the United States in the aeronautics and space fields by collaborating on research and technologies development opportunities. He encourages the discovery, maturity, and commercialization of innovative software and patentable technologies through the awarding of monetary awards within the guidelines of the Space Act.

Prior to this position, Mr. Maturo served NASA as Academy of Program and Project, Engineering Leadership (APPEL) Deputy Director. He has also represented NASA as Guest Lecturer, 2001-Present, Esc Lille, France.

Mr. Maturo was recognized as NASA Space Flight Awareness Honoree, 2008.

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Mr. Midgett reviews and performs the initial valuation of all award applications submitted to the NASA inventions and Contributions Board. This requires a broad background in aerospace research which he accumulated over his 20 year's of work for NASA Langley Research Center. Mr. Midgett is a Mechanical Engineer and an FAA certified aircraft mechanic.

Prior to this position, Mr. Midgett as NASA Langley Research Center's Awards Liaison Officer from 2002-2007.